

REMARKS

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated November 22, 2006. Claims 31 and 32 are added by this response. No new matter is added by these amendments. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due in connection with this response.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 17-24.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-12, 14-16 and 25-30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,042,478 ("Ng"). The Office Action also rejected Claims 13 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ng. Applicant respectfully disagree and traverse these rejections.

Ng discloses a hand-held video game system having a microprocessor controller with address and data buses for providing memory accesses during memory cycles to a plurality of cartridge slots for electrically connecting cartridges containing memory related to games. Specifically, the Ng discloses an electronic game having two game cartridge slots. It appears that the Office Action is relying upon a game cartridge 91, or more specifically, the connector 87 of the game cartridge 91 to teach a connector that is connectable to a separable electronic game. However, while Ng describes the game cartridge 91 as being seperably connectable to the electronic game, Ng does not describe or disclose that game cartridge 91 includes ports to receive first and second other game cartridges or a processor.

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Ng does not disclose or suggest a main body including a connector adapted to electrically and mechanically connect the main body to a separable electronic game, first and second ports sized to receive first and second game cartridges of the electronic game, respectively, and a processor.

For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentably distinguished over Ng and are in condition for allowance. For similar reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 25 and 31 and their respective dependent claims are patentably distinguished over Ng and are in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions related to this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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